

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
Animals and Their Habitats
Teacher's Outline
Grades 3-5

This is a basic outline of the "Animals and Their Habitats" program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. The specifics may vary according to the needs of the group, the weather and unforeseen situations.

Equipment: Laminated wild animal card.

Time: 1 hour

SOL'S Addressed: SCI. 3.4, SCI 3.5, SCI. 4.5 and SCI. 5.5

1. Welcome to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
2. Introduction to animals and their habitats
3. Trail walk. Naturalist will lead students on a ¼ mile loop trail. The students will be given a wild animal card with information about the animal. At the end of the program students will be asked if their animal can live here in the park.
4. Summary and conclusion.

Things to discuss before your visit

1. Animals are driven by the desire to eat, to pass on their genes, and avoid being eaten.
2. Scientists believe that we are losing several species a day.
3. Extinction is forever.
4. Animals need food, shelter, water and space to survive.